

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A laundry appliance having:
 - a cabinet enclosing a laundry treating mechanism;
 - said cabinet having an openable door in a vertical front face thereof;
 - a drawer slidably attached to said cabinet;
 - a shelf mounted to said drawer, said shelf slidably movable between a horizontal forward position to cover an interior of said drawer when said drawer is in an open position and a horizontal rearward position to expose said interior of said drawer when said drawer is in said open position; and
 - said shelf positioned a predetermined distance below said door sufficient to allow a laundry basket to be placed on said shelf when extended and to allow said door to be opened and closed with said basket on said extended shelf.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously Presented) A laundry appliance according to claim 1, wherein said shelf is engageable with a portion of said drawer to secure said shelf in a fixed position relative to said drawer and said shelf has an manually graspable opening therein to allow a person to disengage said shelf from said drawer.
6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) A laundry appliance according to claim 1, wherein said shelf, in its extendable position, is capable of supporting a user weighing in the range of 100 to 250 pounds.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Withdrawn) A laundry appliance according to claim 1, wherein said shelf is supported by rollers engaging a floor under said laundry treating mechanism.

10 - 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A laundry appliances~~support~~ according to claim ~~12~~1, wherein said shelf comprises a recessed compartment in a top surface thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) A laundry appliances~~support~~ according to claim 13, including an openable cover for said recessed compartment.

15. (Currently Amended) A laundry appliances~~support~~ according to claim 13, wherein said recessed compartment is removable from said shelf.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A support for a laundry appliance, comprising:
 a structure for positioning said laundry appliance a predetermined distance above a floor;
 a horizontally extendable and retractable drawer located in said structure; ~~and~~

a shelf arranged in said drawer, said shelf slidably movable between a horizontal forward position to cover an interior of said drawer when said drawer is in an open position and a horizontal rearward position to expose said interior of said drawer when said drawer is in said open position; and

said shelf comprises a recessed compartment in a top surface thereof, said shelf top surface has an opening therein which is surrounded by a ledge area, said recessed compartment including a body portion receivable in said opening and a lip surrounding said body portion, which lip rests on said ledge area when said body is received in said opening, said top surface further including an openable cover arranged to lie over said recessed compartment substantially coplanar with said top surface of said shelf when said recessed compartment is present in said shelf and to lie over said opening when said recessed compartment is removed from said shelf.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A support according to claim ~~24~~20, including an openable cover for said recessed compartment.

23. (Original) A support according to claim 22, wherein said cover is transparent.

24. (Currently Amended) A support according to claim ~~24~~20, wherein said recessed compartment is removable from said shelf.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Original) A support according to claim 20, wherein said shelf, in its extendable position, is capable of supporting a user weighing in the range of 100 to 250 pounds.

29. (Withdrawn) A support according to claim 20, wherein said shelf is supported by rollers engaging a floor under said laundry treating mechanism.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) A support for a laundry appliance, comprising:
a structure for positioning said laundry appliance a predetermined distance above a floor;
a horizontally extendable and retractable drawer located in said structure; and
a shelf arranged in said drawer which is movable between a position to cover an interior of said drawer when said drawer is in an open position and a position to expose said interior of said drawer when said drawer is in said open position;
a recessed compartment in a top surface of said shelf;
said shelf top surface has an opening therein which is surrounded by a ledge area, said recessed compartment including a body portion receivable in said opening and a lip surrounding said body portion, which lip rests on said ledge area when said body is received in said opening, said top surface further including an openable cover arranged to lie over said recessed compartment substantially coplanar with said top surface of said shelf when said recessed compartment is present in said shelf and to lie over said opening when said recessed compartment is removed from said shelf.

36. (Previously Presented) A support according to claim 35, wherein said cover is transparent.